

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee Preliminary Agenda

Date: February 24, 2009 (Day 1)

Location: Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive,
Arlington, VA
Conference Room: The Arlington Room (Room changed from Monticello
Room)

8:00 a.m. **Administrative Matters and Approval of September 2008 Meeting Minutes**
Andrew Hatch, Marketing Specialist, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA
Agricultural Marketing Service (Committee Designated Federal Official)

8:15 a.m. **Comments from Observers**

8:45 a.m. **National Organic Program**
Barbara Robinson, Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing
Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

9:30 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. **Agriculture Labor and H2A Reform**
James Hrubovcak, Senior Economist, USDA Office of the Chief Economist; and
William Carelson, Department of Labor (Tentative)

10:45 a.m. **Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) License Fees**
Scott Danner, Committee Member and Chair of PACA Working Group
(Resource: Karla Whalen, Chief, PACA Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs,
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service)

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. **Fresh-cut Pilot**
Michelle Warren, Procurement Supervisor, Commodity Procurement Branch,
Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

12:00 noon Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. **Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement Update**
Hank Giclas, Vice President of Strategic Planning, Science and Technology,
Western Growers; and Scott Horsfal, Chief Executive Officer, California Leafy
Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement
(Resources: Leanne Skelton, Chief, Fresh Products Branch; and Michael
Durando, Chief, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable
Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service)

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- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Working Group Discussions; Open Committee Dialogue; Finalization of Committee Recommendations; other Administrative Matters
- Working Group:**
 Child Nutrition/WIC Reauthorization: Rebecca Wilson (Chair)
 Labor: Paul Newman (Chair)
 Market News/Fresh Inspection: Lisa Strube (Chair)
 Transportation: Matthew D'Arrigo (Chair)
 Food Safety/Traceability: John Millwater
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn for Day
- Date:** February 25, 2009 (Day 2)
- Location:** Department of Agriculture's South Building
 Agricultural Marketing Service Conference Room, Room 3074-S
 14th and Independence Avenue SW
 Washington, D.C.
- 9:00 a.m. **Agency Greeting**
 David Shipman, Acting Administrator, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
- 9:30 a.m. **Discussion of USDA Food Purchases**
 Robert Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (Committee Executive Secretary)
 (Resources: Al Hoover, Processed Products Branch; Michelle Warren, Commodity Procurement Branch; and Nate Tickner, Fresh Products Branch)
- 10:00 a.m. **Review of USDA-purchased Fruit and Vegetable Commodities**
 (Product Review Room, Room 0720-S)
- 12:00 noon Meeting Adjournment